19 September 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee

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	1. This afternoon	
	and I met with Senator Stennis and Mr. Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff,	
	Senate Armed Services Committee, in response to the Senator's request	
	for a briefing on our involvements in Laos	25X1
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	2. briefing on these subjects is described in his	
25/44	memo, attached hereto. The Senator seemed deeply interested and	
25X1A	favorably impressed withpresentation. At the conclusion,	
	I urged the Senator to try to avoid reference to the Agency when the	
	Leos issue comes up for debate on the floor. He said he would do his	
	best. The Senator then brought the discussion around to current conditions	25X1
	in Communist China.	

- 4. I told the Senator that the Symington request and other matters had caused considerable concern, and that when we were queried by other than our own Subcommittees on matters on which we had not testified before our Subcommittees, we sometimes found ourselves in a bind. I also remarked that we had recently briefed our Senate Appropriations Subcommittee and our House Armed Services Subcommittee on several recent developments and on the Green Beret case and would be glad to cover these and any other matters with Stennis' Subcommittee at his convenience. He said he would like to have a Subcommittee meeting soon but he had recently been completely preoccupied with a number of other responsibilities. However, he said, he would "try to do better" by us in the future, and he realized that a Subcommittee meeting was desirable.
- 5. As examples of things which I thought his Subcommittee might be interested in, I spoke of developments regarding Soviet ICBM deployment, the identification of a new Soviet bomber, Soviet submarine construction, Soviet naval exercises in the Mediterranean and elsewhere, and military deployments on the Sino/Soviet border. The Senator remarked that Mr. Braswell had passed on to him information from us on some of these points, but he realized that they should be reviewed in detail before the Subcommittee at an early opportunity.

6. Senator Stennis was particularly	complimentary about
briefing. His sincerity in this regard is illuthe obvious pressures he is under and sever	astrated by the fact that despite
the meeting out to over an hour and a half.	25X1A

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